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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (REFERENCES)

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TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH
SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA

REF: A) STATE 156029, B) USUN 2537, C) DAR ES SALAAM 2552

1. IT IS CLEAR THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO CLOSE UP THE NAMIBIA
NEGOTIATIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN A MANNER MOST LIKELY TO
ATTRACT SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR THE CONTACT GROUP'S PRO-
POSAL. DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED CHANGES (REF A) TO LAST PARAGRAPH
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OF DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR US WITH BOTHA (REF B) NO DOUBT HAD
THIS GOAL IN MIND BUT WE SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN A COMMITMENT TO
BOTHA AT THIS POINT NOT TO ALTER THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSAL. WE
MUCH PREFER THE WORDING OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH IN THE TALKING
POINTS IN REF B.

2. THE ESTIMATE HERE IS THAT THERE IS ONLY A POSSIBILITY THAT

NYERERE (LET ALONE SWAPO) WILL ACCEPT THE NON-PLACEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AT OSHIVELLO AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR NO SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS SOUTH OF WINDHOEK. IN REF C WE SAID THAT THE OSHIVELLO SUGGESTION SEEMED THE MOST PROMISING OF SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES BEING CONSIDERED BUT WE DO NOT KNOW HOW NYERERE WILL REACT TO IT. WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE OSHIVELLO CONCESSION IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY OUR REJECTING POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF EVERYTHING ELSE. IF NYERERE REACTS NEGATIVELY, AND IF THE APPROACH TO BOTHA HAS SEALED OFF OTHER OPTIONS (AS SUGGESTED NEW LANGUAGE REF A SEEMS TO DO), WE COULD FIND OURSELVES A) WITH A FAILED PLAN AND B) ALIGNED ON THE SIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA. THE CASSINGA RAID HAS ALTERED ATTITUDES ON THE AFRICAN SIDE. SUCCESSFUL PROPOSALS MAY YET HAVE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THAT.

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